THE MINISTER OF TEXTILE (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Production of raw jute.

(lakh bales of 180 kgs. each)

| 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
|---|---|---|
| 73.5 | 82.7 | 79.5 |

(b) Raw jute procured by Jute Corporation of India.

(in terms of 000 bales of 180 kg. each)

| 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
|---|---|---|
| 7.1 | Negligible | Nil |

(c) Procurement for Jute is done only if prices fall below, Minimum Support Price (MSP), for which adequate finances are provided by the Government, as the need may be.

**Atrocities on Dalit Women**

1691. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dalit women was subjected to atrocities by youth and humiliated in village Balarpur, district Bhind (MP) on May 14, 1996, as reported in the Indian Express on May 22, 1996;

(b) if so, whether this was not an isolated case of humiliation and atrocities on the harijans and dalits in villages of States like M.P., U.P., Bihar and Rajasthan with massive tribal population, if so, the number and details of indicates of such atrocities on dalit in each of these States, during 1994, 1995 and 1996 so far; and

(c) the effective steps have been and are being taken to prevent such atrocities and to ensure peaceful and respectable life to the depressed classes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHIR MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Talks with Ultras**

1692. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are prepared for talks with ultras of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any initiatives have been taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The Government of India believes in solution of problems through talks and negotiations to bring about peace, stability and development. The Government of India is prepared for talks with any group which is willing to work within the framework of the Constitution of India and abjure violence. The Government of India categorically rejects violence as a means of achieving any objective.

No talks have been initiated with the ultras of the North-Eastern region, as they have not, as of now, indicated their willingness for talks withint he above parameters and are continuing with violence.

In Jamamu & Kashmir, it is encouraging to note that a large number of persons who were formerly involved in militancy are now moving away from it. Some of them have also set up new groups and are anxious to participate in the political and democratic process. Some such persons and groups like the Forum for Permanent Resolution of J. & K. Problem, Awami League, etc. have been in contact and dialogue with the Government. The discussions have, inter

alia, included issues relating to confidence-building measures, ways to encourage more people to join the peace process and rehabilitation of persons who may give up the gun, etc.

**CRPF Groups in Trivandrum**

1693. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CRPF Group Centre in Trivandram (Kerala) is not being fully utilised;

(b) whether it is a fact that the staff strength of the Centre has been reduced;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a CRPF sub-centre is proposed to be started at Kozhikode District in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details of the project and present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHIR MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The Group Centre, CRPF, Trivandrum is fully utilised for the purpose for which it was created.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) There is no unit called Sub-Centre in CRPF. However, there is a proposal to shift the Recruit Training Centre-III presently located in the Group Centre premises at Pallipuram (Trivandrum) to Thamarassery near Kozhikode.

**Custodial Deaths in Delhi**

1694. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi among all the Union Territories, reported the maximum number of 30 custodial deaths during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the number of such deaths in different Union Territories during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the main reasons for the high increase in custodial deaths in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHIR MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) There were 39 custodial deaths in Delhi during the year 1995-96.

The number of deaths that occurred in different Union territories during the last three years viz. 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 was as under:

| Sl. NO. | Union Territory | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Delhi | 37<br>35(JC)<br>02(PC) | 34<br>32(JC)<br>02(PC) | 39<br>34(JC)<br>05(JC) |
| 2. | Pondicherry | 01(PC) | — | — |
| 3. | A & N Islands | — | — | — |
| 4. | Chandigarh | — | — | — |
| 5. | Dadra & Nagar haveli | — | — | — |